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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket No.: 2551-026

Douglas M. BLAIR

Appln. No.: 09/881,234

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Filing Date: June 14, 2001

Examiner: Smith, C.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003 for two (2) months from May 13, 2003 to July 13, 2003. As July 13, 2003 is a Sunday, this response filed July 14, 2003 is timely as being filed on the next business day.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$205.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher B. Kilner".

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